

Administrative Release

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To: All Licensed Cigarette Manufacturers and Cigarette Wholesalers

Subject: Clove Cigarettes

Section 10-106, of the Criminal Law Article, prohibits a person from selling or offering for sale a clove cigarette. The statute also provides that upon conviction, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$500. This statute has been on the books since July 1, 1986.

It has come to our attention that a related product known in the trade as a “touch of clove cigarette” is being sold in Maryland. These cigarettes have clove flavoring in the filter.

This office has considered the matter, and determined that a touch of clove cigarette is a clove cigarette. Accordingly, a touch of clove cigarette will be considered illegal in the state and subject to confiscation.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this Administrative Release, contact Daniel Adams at 410-260-7319.

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